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## Conference News - February 2012



## Clothed with the Sun

The Reverend Joyce C. Hollyday, Co-Pastor of Circle of Mercy Church UCC, Asheville, NC and former Associate Conference Minister of the Southeast Conference will facilitate *"Clothed with the Sun: Writing Autobiography as Spiritual Journey,"* March 9-11, 2012, at The Sabbath House, Bryson City, NC.

[Link here for more information.](#)

## An SEC Leader's Devotion to Opposing the Death Penalty

**Joe Ingle**, a Southeast Conference UCC minister, has devoted his life to a ministry on death rows across the South. Once a nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize for his faithful and prophetic work, Joe has been a leader in the United States opposing the death penalty. He is announcing the April release of his most recent book, entitled *The Inferno: A Southern Morality Tale*, the story of Philip Workman, recently executed by the state of Tennessee. The book will be available on Amazon, and in bookstores. Ingle is available to churches and other venues to speak about the book, his life ministry, and would welcome invitations to speak and preach. He can be contacted at (615) 218-1657 or (615) 242-5179 or **by email**. We encourage churches to invite Ingle, an eloquent advocate against one of the most unjust manifestations of the brutal excesses of state power.



**Sister Helen Prejean**, the international renowned author of *Dead Man Walking*, has written this about Ingle's book: "This is a remarkable book. It chronicles the 25 year journey of Philip Workman through what U.S. Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun termed "the machinery of death". It is the most detailed, intimate and complete look at a death row prisoner that I have encountered. The story is told through Ingle's eyes as Workman's pastor; the perspective of another condemned prisoner; and courtesy of the Tennessee Public Records Act, the viewpoint of the state officials who colluded to see that Workman was executed despite MORE THAN AMPLE EVIDENCE that he did not murder the police officer who he was convicted of killing. A memoir such as this is wrenching for it raises fundamental questions about our moral fabric as a nation. What does it mean to kill people, in our names, who do not kill people and are not eligible for the death penalty? These and other questions are addressed in the book as the reader descends with Philip Workman into the Inferno. It is a journey, like Dante's in the original Inferno, that will leave your soul transformed."

## Join Us at the Upcoming Annual Conference Meetings

Associations across the Southeast Conference will meet in March.

### 1) Georgia-South Carolina Association, UCC

Saturday, March 3rd  
Decatur United Church of Christ  
109 Hibernia Avenue  
Decatur, GA 30030

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*Early Registration encouraged*

Our 2012 Annual Meeting will be hosted by one of our newest congregations, Decatur UCC. A presentation will be made on the eGlobal Theological Education event.

[Click here for meeting information and registration.](#)

## **2) Alabama-Tennessee Association, UCC**

Friday & Saturday, March 16-17

Pleasant Hill Community Church

67 Church Drive

Pleasant Hill, TN 38578

*Early registration is needed (by Feb 24) to make room for the whole family; children and all youth.*

Theme: Gather the People - All the People

[Click here for meeting information and registration.](#)

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## **Bicycle Ride for the Congo**

A bicycle ride has been scheduled **March 10-17** (Spring Break) to raise funds for the Congo. The ride will conclude with a celebration at Tougaloo College. We invite cycling enthusiasts across the SEC to join us for this event. [Download event flyer and registration information.](#)

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## **Just Eating?**

Practicing our faith at the table through study and prayer.

While this phrase could mean only eating, the word, JUST, also means 'being honorable and fair in one's dealings.' This play on words captures a paradox that this curriculum addresses. Eating can be a mundane activity done with little thought or reflection; or it can be an opportunity to thoughtfully live out our faith and practice justice." Take a look at this program for Lent.

**The Collegium** invites and encourages all to participate and engage in dialogue and discussion during the Lenten Season using the Just Eating? curriculum.

[Link here for more information on this program.](#)

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## **"Silver Linings" in April**

The **United Church of Christ Support Staff Network** (UCCOSSN) invites all UCC church, associate and conference support staff to attend their 25th Anniversary Celebration & Annual Meeting at the national church house in Cleveland, OH. The event titled "Silver Linings" will take place April 12 - 14 and will include worship, workshops and fellowship. Make plans to join UCC staff from across the nation, register today. [Link here for save the date flyer.](#) [Link here for registration information.](#)

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## **Psalms to Twitter**

Here is an opportunity for gifted writers. "Are you interested in learning more about contributing to a new Pilgrim Press resource From Psalms to Twitter: Worship Resources in a Digital Age by Maria I. Mankin and Maren C. Tirabassi? They are seeking new worship materials and prayers based on contemporary concerns that also are enduring issues in our communities. If you are interested in this opportunity, [contact Maria and Maren directly through email.](#) [contact Maria and Maren directly through email.](#)

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